

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

In the Drawings:

Please replace drawing sheets 1 of 10 (showing Fig. 1) with the newly-submitted figure attached herewith on a separate sheet.

As requested by the Examiner, Figure 1 has been replaced to show that this figure is "Prior Art". This response also clarifies that the omission of the words "Prior Art" on the newly submitted drawings of February 13, 2002, was unintentional.

REMARKS

This is a full response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed December 16, 2004. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1-21, 24-26, 29-48, 55-73, and 77-80 are pending in this application. In particular, Applicants have amended claims 24-26, 29-48, and 55-73, and has canceled claims 22-23, 27-28, 49-54, and 74-76 without waiver, disclaimer or prejudice. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

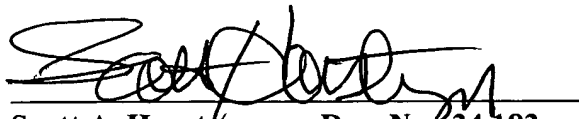
Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-21 and 77-80 have been indicated as allowed, and claims 24-26, 29-48, and 55-73 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this regard, Applicants have amended claims 24-26, 29-48, and 57-73 to put them in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 1-21, 24-26, 29-48, 55-73, and 77-80 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,


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